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Newest styles in Tecks, Puffs, Four-in-Hands, Bows, etc., 25, 50c.

SILK MUFFLERS.

Beautiful designs, latest effects, 50c, 75c, $1.00, 1.50.

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Christmas Suspenders in Silk and Satines, plain and embroidered 50c to $1.50.
Cheaper grades 15, 20, 25,

PANTS.

Men's Cashmere Pants, good values, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00.
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Boys' Knee Pants, 25c, 50c, 75c and 1.00.

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TURKS 'POLOGIZE

For Firing on the United States Steamer Bancroft at Smyrna.

Our Minister Asked It First Though—Germany's Increased Trade With the United States—Kansas City Opera House Burned—Cincinnati Business House Fails.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Constatinople, Dec. 21. — United States steamer Bancroft was fired on at Smyrna from the fort and a boat sent for an explanation was also fired on. The American admiral sent a protest to the United States minister, who demanded an apology from the Turkish government and punishment of the guilty parties. The apology was given Sunday last and two Turkish officers were dismissed and sentenced to a week's arrest.

INCREASING

Is the Trade of Germany With the United States Since the Passage of the Dingley Law.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—United States Consul Weber, at Nuremburg, Germany, reports the trade of that city with the United States has increased under the new tarriff law, notwithstanding the large exports in anticipation of it. The December quarter will show a remarakble increase.

WARDER OPERA HOUSE

At Kansas City, Burned at a Loss of Nearly Half a Million—Hotel Guests Have Narrow Escapes.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—The Auditorium theatre and hotel, at Ninth and Holmes street, burned out shortly after one o'clock this morning. Over one hundred guests escaped. Many were in their night clothes. The loss is $450,000; insurance $85,000. The building was owned by Alex Frazer. The fire started from crossed electric light wires in the sixth story of the theater. The theatrical company saved most of its property. The theater was built in 1886, and was known as the Warder Grand opera house. It was opened by Booth and Barrett.

NOTABLE CHARACTER.

Ex-Chief Justice Hines Critically Ill—Escaped With John Morgan From the O. P.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 21.—Ex-Chief Justice Thomas H. Hines is critcally ill. His wife died suddenly of apoplexy last night. Hines served with John Morgan and escaped with him from the Columbus, Ohio penitentiary.

Postponed Action.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—The joint convention of miners and operators posptoned action until the convention can be had to fix a rate for Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. The committee was appointed to arrange details for an inter-state convention to be held at Columbus some time in January. The present rate expires December 31st.

Barry Released.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

London, Dec. 21.—James Barry, of Chicago, and others, who were arrested in connection with a glove fight in which Croot lost his life, were released today, the prosecutor refusing to take up the case against them.

Engineer Killed.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Elkhart, Ind., Dec. 21.—A Lake Shore engineer, Arthur L. Case, of Toledo, was killed at Chestermerton today. He was slightly deaf and stepped before the fast train.

The well dressed man buys his suits, overcoats, furnishing goods and hats of Burt, Pride & Hall. 18-3t

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Ladies' Heavy Shoes, full stock Calf Lace, sizes 3 to 5.. $ 69
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Ladies' Shoes of Calf Skin and made so that they never rip for... 99
Ladies' Shoes, in Calf Kangaroo Calf, and Porpoise Calf, worth $1·75, $2.00, $2.25, $2.50, $3.00, our price... $1.19, $1.24, $1.39 1 49
Ladies' Button Shoes, Patent Leather Tips, worth $1.60 for... 99
Ladies' Box Calf Shoes, made by Sacks Shoe Co., worth $3 00... 1 74
200 Pair of Heavy Dongola Shoes worth $2.50, our price... 1 49
210 Pairs of Goodyear Welt Shoes, worth $3.00, our price... 1 75
160 Pairs of Fine Dongola Kid Shoes worth $3.00, for 1 69
Ladies' Shoes worth $3.25, $3.50, $3.75, $4.00 $4.50 for... $1.99, $2.24, 2 49

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Boys' Heavy Shoes, sizes 3 to 5, worth $1.25, our price... 89
Boys' Heavy Shoes in Lace, made of Oil Grain, worth $1.50... 99
Boy's Heavy Shoes, sizes 3 to 5, the best kind worth $1.75... 1 19
Men's Heavy Shoes with buckles, worth $1.50 for... 99
Men's Shoes in Congress or Lace suitable for winter only... 1 24
All of our Men's Heavy Shoes in Lace and Congress worth $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.25, $2.50, for this sale... $1.24, $1.39, $1.45, 1 49
Men's Fine Shoes, Congress or Lace, worth $1.50, our price... 1 19

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BOLD JOB.

Chester Callender Robbed Last Sunday Evening.

He Was Standing at the Corner of Second and Market Streets, When Some One Stole His Watch and Pocketbook—No Clue to the Thief.

A daring robbery was reported to the police yesterday by Chester Callender, engineer at the Portsmouth steam laundry.

Mr. Callender said that Sunday evening he was robbed of a gold watch and his pocket-book, the latter containing one dollar and ten cents. He said that the robbery took place about six o'clock, at the corner of Second and Market streets, on the corner by Spry's drug store. He was standing there talking to several men, and quite a crowd collected. He felt some one jostle him roughly, but paid no particular attention to the matter. Later he discovered that his watch had been stolen, the chain having been nipped neatly. His pocket-book was also gone. He does not remember of having seen any suspicious characters around. The police are investigating the matter.

Miss Flora Dellert is making a special sale on baby caps this week. She has a fine line and her prices are very low.

NEW OFFICERS

Elected by Portsmouth Lodge A. O. U. W., No. 117 Last Evening.

The following officers of Portsmouth Lodge A. O. U. W. No. 117 were elected and will be installed at the first meeting in January: Past master workman, J. C. Homer; master workman, Samuel Horchow; foreman, Fred Baker; overseer, H. Litterest; guide, O. F. Brown; inside watchman, S. F. Miller; outside watchman, Wm. Cline; recorder, Ed. Brehmer; financier, R. L. Higley; receiver, H. W. Wendelkin; trustee, (long term) J. I. Marsh; trustee, (short term) A. W. Ackerman. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and quite a number of good candidates are on the slate for future initiation.

Has a Good Job.

Ed. Miller, a machinist who was thrown out of a job at the N. & W. shops recently expects to go to Greenfield the latter part of the week. He has secured a position in a contract shop there. Most of the machinists thrown out at the shops have secured positions elsewhere.

New goods every day at E. L. Gates & Co.'s.

RUNAWAY FREIGHT

On the Pennsylvania Road Causes a $75,000 Loss of Property and Death of Three Men.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 21.—A runaway freight on the Pennsylvania road today caused the death of three men and the destruction of $75,000 worth of property. The dead are S. Kuster, of Hagerstown, Ind. Chas. J. Numer and S. G. Corbin, brakemen. Three locomotives, four passenger coaches and fifty-eight loaded freight cars were wrecked.

Merry's Trial Monday.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—Chris. Merry, a peddler, charged with wife murder, and his alleged accomplice, James Smith, were arraigned today and pleaded not guilty. Trial was set for next Monday. Neither had a lawyer.

Cincinnati Firm Fails.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 21.—Putman & Robers, chair back manufacturers, Third and Baymiller streets, assigned to Frank J. Dorge today. Liabilities, $20,00: assets, $15,000; preferred, $4,000.

Markets.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Wheat, $1.00; corn, 26⅝; oats, 21⅞.
Toledo.—Wheat, 95¼.

Choice oranges, apples, bananas and figs at Joe Sodaro's, 219 Chillicothe street.

Partial Paralytic Stroke.

Mr. W. C. Bateman, the harness dealer on Market street, suffered a partial stroke of paralysis at an early hour this morning. Two physicians were sent for and worked with him several hours. He will not be able to attend to business for several days.

For useful Christmas presents go to JONES, the hatter, 104 West Second street. 21-4t

A Trolly Breaks.

A trolley on the street railroad broke this morning on the Damarin hill. This made the fifteenth trolley that has broken at this particular point.

Fine Christmas umbrellas at from 50 cents to $3.00 at Flora Dellert's.

Miss Muriel Evans to Entertain.

Miss Muriel Evans has issued invitations for a party at her elegant home on Gallia street, Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd.

Do not fail to examine the stock of Christmas toys at H. D. Oberling's, 315 and 317 Chillicothe street.

THE TIMES.

DAILY AND WEEKLY.

Readers of the TIMES will greatly oblige this office by giving prompt notice of irregular or late delivery; also persons who cannot buy the TIMES in this city or suburbs or in any place where a Portsmouth paper should be sold, will confer a favor by notifying this office at once.

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J. L. PATTERSON, Editor and Manager.

For an ex-convict, Higgins cuts a wide swath. He has boon companions. "Birds of a feather flock together."

Who is being laughed at now? Why the Blade and its candal appendage. This unholy combination has all the embezzling and worn-out newspaper men in town on its staff.

The Blade seems to have its logic and philosophy very much mixed. In one column it says there is no need for investigating the books at the court house because they are always open for inspection and there can consequently be no fraud, while in another column of the same issue it says the commissioners are determined to make a thorough investigation, and if there is anything wrong, see that it is rectified. If there is no possibility of fraud, why investigate? If there is a possibility of fraud, why say there is none? Mr. Hard is very deep—either in ignorance or in sin.

The Times has made five complete canvasses of the city. The last time the Blade was sending out between 800 and 900 by its carriers. The Times sent out yesterday by its carriers over 1,600, and including mail orders and office sales, is sending out over 1,800. It is a handsome list, and we are proud of it. The Times runs a counter. The Blade used to by setting it at 450 and running it up to 1,650—or actually running 1,200. There was a business man who slipped up on them and now they don't use the counter any more. They depend on Higgins to do the rest. Higgins can very easily double the list in his mind.

After all, according to the Blade, the order of the commissioners for an accounting in the court house matters is, and always has been, informal. As individuals they have requested the officials and ex-officials to render an account, but as commissioners they never have. This being true, it is reasonable to suppose that they said something like this: "Now you know there is a great deal of talk about you officials and we will be forced to do something soon, but if you can fix it up and clear your skirts, do so. We are holding off as long as we can." Is this so? If not, why do they not, as a board of county commissioners, officially order an accounting or an investigation?

The sugar planters of Hawaii employ 22,000 laborers, according to the report from one of the bureaus at Washington. 11,400 are Japanese and 6,100 Chinese. Will this be fair competition with our farmers who are preparing to raise sugar beets and employ high-priced white labor?

President Garfield, in the house of representatives, April 6, 1876, made a speech against Hawaiian annexation during the debate on the reciprocity treaty with the islands. The ground of opposition taken by Garfield is familiar in all discusion of annexation at this time. He opposed annexation because of the mixed and degenerated character of the population, because it is a tropical country, and claimed that instead of strengthening our government would weaken it. He said for reasons of this character he would not vote to annex Cuba, with the consent of all the powers and $100,000,000 in gold offered as a bonus for its acceptance.

It is useless to advise the council. No matter how valuable might be the advice of the Times, it would not be taken. The council can usually be depended upon to land on the wrong side of most questions. It has ordered the N. & W. out of our city and insulted the gentlemen who desired to put natural gas in our city. As to the latter matter, we desire to say to the men who came to ask a franchise from the city to lay gas mains, that the people will settle that matter in favor of natural gas mains just as soon as there is a show to get the natural gas. These men or others will get a franchise, with such protection of the city as is right and just. Marietta is now getting all the natural gas she can consume, and as a consequence artificial gas is but $1.00 per thousand. McConnelsville has all the natural gas she can consume at 10 cents per thousand. The people will attend to this matter by electing men who will look to their interests. They will not give a franchise to any company that will shut out others. There may be lakes of natural gas right here under Portsmouth ready to be tapped. This field may furnish us plenty of fuel for the future. Give the franchise to use the streets, but not to the exclusion of others.

The St. Louis Republic thinks that in nominating McKenna to the supreme bench the President has made a shameful acknowledgment to the country that the forces now dominant in the executive department of the government are now beyond his control. As our contemporary says, no more pitiable spectacle has been presented to the American people in recent years than that furnished by a President bound by anti-election pledges from which he is unable to release himself. That McKenna was honored with the office of attorney general at the behest of influences that contributed heavily to the McKinley campaign fund and that have vast schemes of aggrandizement yet to consummate has been proven beyond reasonable doubt. But if any doubt still exists on this score an examination of his conduct in winding up the affairs of the Union Pacific Railroad will destroy it. His course from in connection with this important matter adds deeper color to the suspicion that clouds the public mind concerning him and the influences responsible for his official connection with the administration. Popular clamor saved the government heavy looses in the sale of the main line of the Union Pacific, which McKenna, in his capacity as attorney general, had agreed to sell to a coterie of railroad monopolists at a sacrifice of millions of the public funds. Popular protest induced him to obtain a postponement of the foreclosure of the Kansas Pacific branch of the system so that congress might exercise its privilege of inquiring into a transaction speckled all over with the marks of corruption. And without public request, McKenna is now seeking to obtain a still further postponement of this sale to a date that reaches beyond the possibility of endangering his confirmation by the senate, should exposures, either of incompetency or wrong-doing on his part, be developed by legislative inquiry.

But the objection to McKenna's elevation to the bench are not confined to widespread suspicion of selfish interests that are responsible for his official recognition. A large part of the bench and bar of the Pacific Coast, where he has spent nearly all his life, has filed with the President an earnest and patriotic protest against his appointment. This protest plainly points out his unfitness in point of mental strength and equipment and broadly hints at a lack of the moral balance and breadth of view which should be possessed by an associate justice of the United States supreme court.

President McKinley's private life and official record show him to be too amiable a man and too keen for popularity to willingly defy public sentiment in such a manner. It is obvious, therefore, that the President is worrying out the hard terms of a bargain made as a condition precedent to his election—a bargain which he finds himself unable to repudiate.

It behooves the senate to exercise the greatest caution in dealing with the McKenna appointment. The senate can protect the country from the stain of raising to the supreme bench a pliant tool of special, selfish and audacious interests. Distrust of this tribunal has already found expression in various forms of popular protest. Let it not be strengthened by an act of the senate in approving, without the most thorough and searching investigation, the appointment of Joseph McKenna.—Wheeling Register.

SWORE OUT WARRANTS

For Members of the Company Not in the Habit of Coming to Drill—All But Two Caught.

Several warrants were sworn out by Captain Prichard of Company H last night for members who have not been attending drill. All but two for whom warrants were sworn were caught by Policeman Stokely and trod the path of the private to drill. Capt. Prichard is bound to have his company attend drill, and this means will be put in force if they will not come voluntarily.

There was a good attendance at drill and a severe drill was gone through with. Nominations were made for the office of first lieutenant. Frank Pratt, Second Lieutenant Smith and Walter Trimmer were nominated. The election will be held next Monday night.

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Notice.

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Dainty Cut Glass Vases in pretty, odd shapes.
Fancy Aprons, from severely plain to lovely creation of lace and silk.
Kid Gloves—Our glove counter is replete with all latest shades.
Beautiful Table Linens at popular prices.
Men's Neckwear, Shirts and Gloves, always acceptable presents.
Ladies' and Children's Mittens in Silk and Wool.
Fine assortment of fancy Puff Boxes from 25c up.
300 Fancy Baskets in beautiful odd shapes, cheap.
Fine Lace Footing, Inserting and Edging for Handkerchiefs.
Small Mirrors, pretty shapes, fine clear glass, only 25c.
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Silk Suspenders in beautiful colors, would be acceptable to any gentleman.
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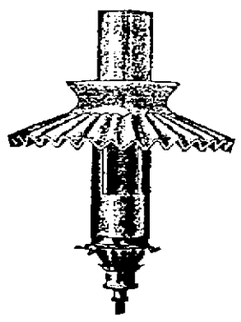

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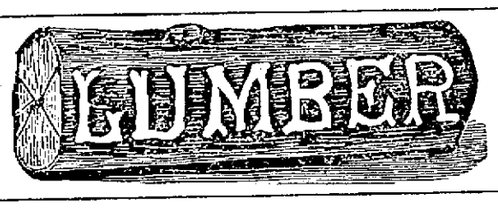

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35 West Second Street

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Corse Payton, always a favorite with Portsmouth people, has been coining money in the East the past two seasons. Payton has put another company on the road and has written for a date for it here. He may join the company while it is touring in this section of the state.

One of the best features of "The Twelve Temptations" company, which comes to the Grand opera house Friday night, is the ballet. It is composed of an unusually large number of pretty girls, whose many gorgeous costumes are marvels of the dressmaker's art. The costumes were specially designed for Mr. Yale at an enormous cost.

June Agnott, whose company is at the Grand this week (except Friday night) in repertoire, has played in East Liverpool so often that she is known by sight by almost every person in the city. When her company went to East Liverpool a few weeks ago Miss Agnott went out shopping. She stopped in a store and was soon surrounded by people who recognized her and who seemed pleased to greet her and wish her success during her engagement. She played to a big business that week. Miss Agnottis a cultivated and popular lady and will win her way to the hearts of Portsmouth theater-goers. If you want to spend a pleasant evening drop in at the Grand some night this week.

Hoyt's "A Contented Woman" is coming this way, and may be here later. When the play opened in New York City Caroline Miskel-Hoyt assumed the leading role. She it not with the traveling company.

The Brooklyn Eagle says that the brilliancy of "The Devil's Auction" and of other plays with which Chas. H. Yales name is connected, is considerably dimmed by comparison with "The Twelve Temptations." The scenes are well arranged, its costumes rich and attractive and the ballets introduced are many and artistic. This great spectacular production will be at the Grand next Friday evening. Regular house prices.

The June Agnott company will present the "Bowery Boy" at the Grand tonight. Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Digby Bell's manager, Duncan B. Harrison, has surrounded the star with an exceptionally strong company. As a result the critics all over the country have been loud in the praise of the entire company. The company which will present "The Hoosier Doctor" here New Year's is composed of twenty-three people, among whom are Laura Joyce Bell, Mabel Strickland, Margaret Owen, Viola Miles, Arthur Hoops, Frank Munro and others.

Yale's "Twelve Temptations" was in Portsmouth January 18th last and played to a crowded house. It is safe too say that everybody who saw the play will go again, as they were all delighted with the production. A number of new features have been added this season, and the company is bigger and better than ever.

Al. G. Fields will be here in January.

The production of "The Ranch King" at the opera house last night by Miss June Agnott and her splendid company gave immense satisfaction to the large audience present. Miss Agnott assumed a role that gave her an opportunity to display her varied talent to advantage and she was liberally applauded. Joseph D. Clifton, as Donald McDonald the ranch king, also made a hit, he and Miss Agnott making a strong team. The four-in-hand quartette also scored a hit, being recalled several times. Their singing was especially fine. All in all the company is a great one—by far the strongest repertoire company that has played here for many years. Tonight they present "The Bowery Boy."

Take Notice.

All persons are warned not to cash or purchase and hold a check given by Chaney & Co. under date of December 1st, 1897, for $112.05, numbered 116 and made payable to L. A. Howland & Son, Quincy, Kentucky. Said check was lost in the mail and the duplicate of it has been paid.

20-3 CHANEY & CO.

One hundred fine imported cups and saucers at 19 cents each. See this big bargain at E. L. GATES & CO.'S.

Farmers' Institute.

The Harrisonville Farmers' Institute will be held January 19th and 20th. The Haverhill Institute will be on the 20th and 21st. Messrs. Dethrick and White are the lecturers sent by the state board.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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SPECIAL TRAIN

Will Bring the Cycling Club Minstrels Home From Wellston.

The P. C. C. minstrels have arranged for a special train home from Wellston Christmas night, after the minstrel show. The train will leave Wellston at one o'clock. The boys will go up at 10:50 Saturday morning. Persons desiring to take in the trip can secure tickets from Fred Tynes or Chas. Doerr for $1 for the round trip.

There will be some changes in the company at Wellston. Henry Bertram will succeed Frank Alderson as end man, while other changes will be made, as some of the boys cannot get away.

A big cake will be baked by a local baker and the audience at Wellston will vote on the couple entitled to it in the cake walk.

GERMAN PLAY.

Will Be Given at the Opera House on the Evening of January 21st.

It has been settled that there will be a performance of a German theatrical company in the city on the evening of January 21st. The company will be brought here from Cincinnati. Oscar Knorr was distributing tickets around town at various stores this morning, and they can be purchased by those desiring to attend. The performance last year was a great success, and it is thought it will be duplicated this season.

THREE SICK

So the Street Car Motormen and Conductors Cannot Have Their Turn Off This Week.

This Christmas week promises to be a dismal one to street car motormen and conductors. John Vollmer was forced to go home sick Monday morning after his first trip. Henry Clark is very sick with tonsilitis and Roy Matthews went to Batavia Saturday. This leaves no conductors to take the places of those who are off, so the men who have a day off this week, as is the custom every week, are compelled to keep at work.

EXCITING TIME

Expected at the Company H. Election Next Monday Evening.

Candidates for the office of first lieutenant of Company H will be nominated tonight, and the election will take place next Monday night. It is probable that there will be three candidates — Frank Pratt, Walter Trimmer and James Smith. Mr. Pratt was elected first lieutenant some time ago, but the appointment was turned down at Columbus. Pratt and his friends alleged that this was done through jealousy and spite on the part of some high officers in the company, and they are eager to try and vindicate their man.

PUSHED AND SHOVED

And Jakey Went Through a Window in the Blake Building.

A crowd of East End young men were standing on the corner of Gallia and Lawson streets Sunday afternoon, in front of Blake's building. They began scuffling, and one, "Wib" Henning, pushed "Jake" Summers through one of the large windows in the building. In five minutes there was a large crowd around the window, but no one knew anything concerning its being broken. No boys were in sight, but the secret leaked out.

Don't wait until tomorrow to go to Burt, Pride & Hall's, but go today. Everything new, stlyish and up-to-date in furnishing goods, hats and tailoring.

The Secretary Resigns.

Attorney H. W. Woodrow, of Chillicothe, who has been secretary of the Ross County Agricultural society for twenty-one years, has resigned. He did more than any one man in Ross county to build up the society and make it one of the best in Ohio.

Candies, nuts and everything in the grocery line at the lowest prices.

21-3t JOHN J. SCHAEFER.

Visited Lady Friends.

Earl Funk made a trip to Maysville Sunday and returned yesterday. He was on a geological visit and found many good specimens. He also called on some lady friends of his in the Kentucky village. He has been trying to keep his visit quiet.

Say—"Git onto me!"—there is no use talking, Diamond half-soles for your shoes are the only pebbles on the beach. 35 cents.

21-1w KENDALL SHOE CO.

For the Holidays.

The River City Business and Normal University closed Friday evening for a two weeks' holiday vacation. Will open Monday, January 3d.

Only a few more days for exchanging Lehman's black printed premium cards. Exchange yours before it is too late.

Delightful Reception.

Columbus papers give considerable space to a delightful reception given by Hon. and Mrs. H. L. Chapman, at Normandie, by way of introducing the their daughter, Miss Grace Chapman into society. Over five hundred guests were present.

Don't buy your candies until you see our stock. H. E. LANGDON.

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Dress Glove, unlined and silk or fleece lined, 75c, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50.
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Men's and Boys' Suits.

Every one of them our own make, which is a guarantee that they are well made.

Men's All Wool Suits

$5.00, $7.50, $8.00, $10, $12, $15, $18.

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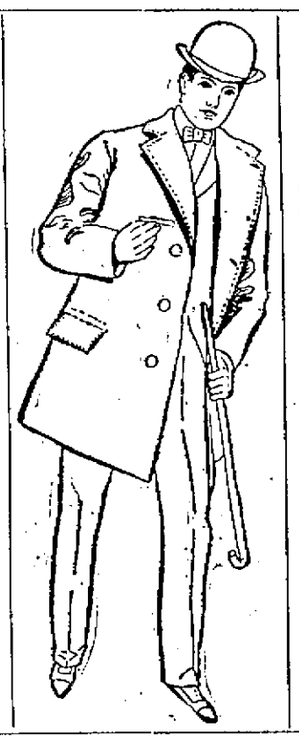
Ages 3 to 14 years, a fine assortment of styles, $1.50, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00, $4.50, $5.00, $6.00.



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1 gal. best sorghum.....	30c
2 lb best California apricots	25c
2 lb best California prunes.....	25c
2 lb best California peaches.....	25c
3 lb good California prunes.....	25c
2 large mackerel.....	5c
1 lb codfish.....	5c
1 lb wise cakes.....	10c
1 lb lunch milk crackers.....	8c
1 lb butter crackers.....	5c
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DEAR SANTA.

What Some of the Little Subjects Are Asking for Christmas.

Some Sweet Little Letters Sent to Old Santa in Fairyland—Only Three More Nights and the Reindeer Will Go Galloping From Chimney to Chimney—A Big Pack This Year and Lots of New Things.

Only three more nights and then—Santa Claus. How anxiously the little folks await his coming. As though the dear old fellow did not know just what his blessed ones were wishing for, some of them have been tempted to write him a letter, setting forth their wants. Some of these, the prettiest and sweetest he received, old Santa has sent to the Times. In a long letter to the editor he says he never did have so much business to attend to as he has this year. He has a bigger pack to carry than ever before. He will have lots of new things to slip into the little stockings, and while he may not be able to fill some of them so full as he would like, he will do his best to please all his good little people.

"Your little boy August," at 335 Gallia street, writes "Mr. Santa Clause, Fairyland," as follows:

"Dear Santa Clause:—I would like to know if you are coming up Gallia street. If you are plese do not forget to stop at three thirty five. I would like for you to bring me a hook and ladder, and a pretty sled nice and new and painted red and do not forget to bring me a pair of ice skates. I will close my latter now I have nothing more to say. I will go to bed at eight o'clock and shut my eyes tight I will not look indeed I won't I live on Gallia street number three thirty five. Your little boy AUGUST."

The idea of Santa Claus refusing to trust one of his little girls! Yes, dear little Cora, old Santa does all his business on trust.

Dear Santa Claus please bring me doll and have it dress nice and long hair a writing desk and story book and put them on my christmas tree. if you please if I have one and if I do not please put in the pantry in the box or on the book case and bring them sure I want you to be sure and come with your reindeer. I will go to bed at 8 o'clock and shut my eyes tight. Bring all of us some presents. I haven't no money, but I will have some christmas eve night. Bring what I ask for please. I am going to school good and I think you will bring it on trust. Bring me a buggie.

OORA OSBORNE,
100 South Waller street.

Don't worry about the "little" chimney, Roy There is none too small for Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want your to brings me a red sled a trycle a wagon horse to rock on a football a drum a steam engine a man on wheels a bandy rooster and hen, a toole box a book a train of cars with clockes works I will go to bed at 8 o'clock and will shut my eyes tight and will not peep you will have to come in our store door as our chimney are too lettle I am seven years old. ROY MYRES,
69 West Second street.

"Crosag" needles? Certainly. Santa Claus carries everything.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please send me a doll and a buggy, a bible, a hat and a loose jacket and a crosag needle.

NETTIE BASSETT,
96 East Front street.

Dear Santa Claus:—Would write to to you. I would like to have a gun and a rifle and a football and a engine and book. PURCELL CARR.

Dar Santy Claus:—I want a doll baby buggy and a knew slate and a sled and a little bed and a pair of shoes a orange and some candy and a set of deaches and a rooking chair for christmas. From Minnie Gumbert to Santy Claus.

Dear Santa Claus:—Plase bring me a gun and a sled, a drum, a story book and a horn, train, ball, a bicyle and a house. Goodbye Dear Santa. From WAYNE WATKINS.

At Nye's.

Pure, fresh, clean drugs on sale at Nye's,
And quite a fine display
Of pocket-books and perfumes rare
Laid out in grand array.

His holiday goods are quite the best,
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And his toilet-sets and picture-frames
Would fill an artist's eye.

There's sterling silver novelties,
There's banjos and guitars,
There are violins and French harps,
And excellent cigars.

Handsome mirrors, opera-glasses,
And stationeries fine;
Prophylactic tooth-brushes
And mandolins divine.

Nor did Win forget the children
In his purchases this year;
He has Huyler's finest candies
And rubber babies dear.

Besides all these, there are other things
Too numerous to mention;
And then he gives to all who buy
Such kind and prompt attention.

21-3t

A GENERAL PROTEST

From C. & O. Employes Who Find Themselves Taxed for Support of a Hospital at Clifton Forge.

A gentle protest seems to go up from C. & O. employes over the levy recently made on all employes for the support of a railroad hospital at Clifton Forge. The old Gladys Inn is to be converted into a hospital and at last pay day every employe of the railroad was taxed for its support. Contributions were not asked for voluntarily, but the amount was held back by the pay master. This went against the grain somewhat with some of the boys who seem to think that a rich corporation like the C. & O. ought too support their own hospitals.

Handsome holiday haberdashery. Burt, Pride & Hall, merchant tailors, gents' furnishers and haters.

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The Salvation Army Asks Donations for a Christmas Dinner for the Poor Children of the City.

Citizens of Portsmouth, will you please assist the Salvation Army of Portsmouth in preparing a Christmas dinner for the poor children of our city by donating something towards the same. Any donations thankfully received, at 214 Chillicothe street.

A. O. HENNINGSON, Captain.

Rmember, at H. D. Oberling's, 315 and 317 Chillicothe street, you will find the best assortment of shears and scissors to be found in the city.

Holiday handkerchiefs, one cent to 50 cents, at Flora Dellert's.

Office Abolished.

J. B. Pullen, of Chillicothe, for twenty-five years superintendent of bridges and buildings on the B. & O. S-W., has been notified that his office has been declared vacant. He is known in this city.

Headquarters for holiday goods, candies, nuts, raisins, dressed turkeys and chickens, at
21-2t H. E. LANGDON & CO.'S.

Go to Stamm, the plumber, at 213 Market street, when you want work done. Telephone 283.

See JONES, the hatter, for a fine line of holiday neckwear. 21-4t

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FOR FORGERY

Colored Bell Boy at Biggs Wanted At Xenia.

Came Here Last July—Nephew of George Banks, of Eleventh Street—Indicted by Green County Grand Jury—Held at the Station House.

Ed. Banks, a colored lad who has been employed as bell boy at the Biggs House for several weeks, was arrested Monday night and looked up in the station house. He is wanted at Xenia for forgery. A letter from the Xenia sheriff was received by Marshal Schmitt instructing him to arrest the boy and hold him until his arrival. Banks came to Portsmouth last July. He is a nephew of Geo. Banks, the Eleventh street saloon-keeper.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Adopted by Bailey Post G. A. R. on the Death of Comrade Jesse Monk.

At a meeting of Bailey Post December 20th, 1897, the following memorial on the death of Comrade Jesse Monk, was adopted:

"One by one the old soldiers of the Civil war are passing away. Today we note the death of Comrade Jesse Monk. He enlisted in the full strength of manhood, when near forty years of age, in Company H, of the 81st O. V. I., at Buena Vista, O. With his regiment he was often in the thick of the fight and proved himself a good and faithful soldier. Some years ago he became a member of Bailey Post, and out of small means kept his dues paid, and as long as able he was regular in his attendance at Post meetings. We commend his example to surviving comrades.

For fourteen months he has been bedfast and but recently was awarded, by the government he so faithfully served, an ample pension to support him in his helpless condition.

Resolved: That we, as comrades, extend our sympathy to surviving relatives and trust that our comrade has entered the Grand Army above, where hardships and pain come not, and peace is eternal.

D. P. PRATT,
P. J. KLNE,
GEO. OLAPPER,
Committee.

A full line of hardware at prices lower than anywhere in the city at H. D. Oberling's, 315 and 317 Chillicothe street.

The cheapest and best place in the city to buy fresh nuts, fine candies, etc., is at Joe Sodaro's, 219 Chillicothe street.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Ernest Evans, Formerly of This City, Will Be Married in Steubenville.

Mr. Ernest Evans, formerly of this city, but now of Steubenville, will be married in the latter city Chrismas day to Miss Elizabeth Linn, a prominent young society lady of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Evans will come to this city on their wedding trip and will spend some days with Mr. Evans' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Evans, of Friendship. They will also be guests at the New Year's dance. Mr. Evans has many warm friends here who will wish him joy and happiness.

Cleanliness is heath. We invite inspection of our candies and fruit,
MYRES, 69 West Second St.

To Work in Springfield.

Harry Severs went to Springfield this morning to work in the Ohio Southern shops. His father has also secured a position in the same shops and will leave for Springfield in a few days.

A fine line of ladies' muslin underwear at Flora Dellert's.

A Fine Selection of Gold Bracelets at 412 Chillicothe Street.

"Christmas Dreams"

Come in different shape to almost every one now. Gift hunters will find it very easy to make selections from our stock.

Rings of all descriptions.
Cuff Buttons, Diamond & Opal Studs.
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ADAM PFAU
Bakes the best and delivers them Red Hot.
175 West Second street.

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FOR RENT—Three rooms for light housekeeping Call at 334 East Twelfth street.

WANTED—Immediately, an experienced edge trimmer at the Heer Shoe factory.

WANTED—At once, experienced topstitcher at the Heer Shoe factory.

FOR SALE—New graphophone with case, for records and horn and ear tubes. Will sell cheap. Call at the U. S. express office.

FOR SALE—Four room house, lot 60x123, at the corner of Sixth and Union. Will sell cheap, and on easy terms. Inquire of Mrs. C. V. Nave. 21 3t

WANTED—The use of a piano for storage. Address 45 East Seventh street.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for ladies or gentlemen at 1022 Chillicothe street. 20 4t

FOR RENT—A cottage on Bond street, between Fourth and Gallia, with water and gas. Inquire of Abe Mayer, Gallia street. 8 6t

FOR RENT—Dwelling on East Ninth street, with six rooms and bath room, in excellent condition. See J. E. Jones, 412 Court street. 29tf

FOR SALE—No. 1 red brick at $4.50 and $5 00 per thousand delivered. See C. Weghorst, corner Tenth and Chillicothe street. tf

FOR RENT OR SALE—Excellent hotel of tweety-six rooms, good location. Inquire of Rottinghaus, Market street. 26-tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—For city property, farm of 160 acres in Harrison township, two miles east of Harrisonville. Fifteen acres of good orchard, good house and out-buildings and good water. A bargain if sold within thirty days. Address August Frowine, 260 East Eleventh street, Portsmouth, Ohio. dec. 15 1m

FOR SALE—Cottage residence on Second street below Chillicothe adjoining Geo. O. Newman one of the most desirable locations of the city. Inquire of Jas. W. Newman, Central Savings Bank. tf

The PEOPLE'S Cash Store.

"He who Hesitates is Lost."

Now is the time to buy your CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. We have the correct things and at correct prices. We have been busy all the week receiving and arranging our holiday goods. Every Thing now in, and you will find our store heavily stocked with useful and fancy Holiday Articles. An Endless variety to greet you, and we have bought them all for YOU. The prices are so low that you will be surprised how far a dollar will go in making your Xmas purchases.

We cannot begin to go into detail in so small a space. These goods are far more tempting as they appear displayed in our store than they could ever be made in print. SO GIVE US A CALL before purchasing.

Handkerchiefs.

A word however on handkerchiefs and Umbrellas. We are headquarters on hdkfs. Our line is large and varied. We have enough to supply every man, woman and child in Portsmouth.

Children's Hdkfs., 1c, 2c, 3c.

Ladies' Hdkfs. in hemstitched plain and colored borders, embroidered, val edges, and initial — 1000 of them — 5c for your choice—1200 hdkfs. in swiss embroidered, Duchess border, and all the latest designs, same as sold elsewhere for considerably more money, choice 10c.

Men's hemstitched plain and fancy borders at 5c and up.

Men's full sized Japanette, heavy silk initials. We have only 250 of them—10c while they last—sold elsewhere 12½ and 15 cents.

Large line Men's Mufflers. All prices.

Children's School Umbrellas, 24 and 26 in. 45c.

Ladies' 26 in. Umbrellas 45c.

Ladies' 26 in. Umbrellas, steel rod, 58c, worth 75c.

In the better grades from 79c up. Both in Ladies' and Men's we have a large and elegant assortment in all the newest handles. You are sure to select to your satisfaction here.

No misrepresentations in our advertisements. You will find our goods exactly as quoted.

What you want is facts. We give them to you. Satisfaction guaranteed.

So don't fail to see our goods before you make your holiday selection.

Purcell & Bragdon

Bargain Givers of Portsmouth.

Kendall Block. Above Postoffice

STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT.

Holiday Goods!

By far the best assortment of

Holiday - Goods

ever seen in Portsmouth will be seen at

Wurster Brothers' Drug Store.

We invite everybody to come and see us whether they buy or not.

Don't wait until two or three days before Xmas, for what you want may be gone.

Come and make your selection, and we will save it for you.

Wurster Bros
Druggists,
Second and Court Streets.

Twice a Day

You can use a new Handkerchief at these prices.

Handkerchiefs.

Decorated Kerchiefs in fast colors 1c.
Pretty Bordered and Plain White, 2 for 5c.
Ladies' Plain White Hemstitched, worth 10c, 6 for 25c.
Embroidered, worth 15c each, 6 for 25c
White, with 1 inch lace, 6 for 25c.
Fine embroidered and lace, 3 for 25c.
Mourning Handkerchiefs 5c each.
Ladies' 25c grade for 15c.
Gents' 50c White Initial, 25c.
Gents' Black Mull, 2 for 25c.
Gents' large size Hemstitched, 6 for 25c.

Kate Miller.

BURGLARY

Sommer Bros. Hardware Store Robbed Last Night.

About $100 Worth of Revolvers, Knives and Holiday Articles Stolen—Entrance Made Through Skylight — Three Mysterious Strangers—The Police Without Any Information.

Sommer Bros.' hardware store, on Market street, was entered by burlgars last night and over $100 worth of revolvers, razors, cutlery and holiday articles stolen. It was one of the richest hauls made by the "profesh" in many a day. The police have no clue and are completely at sea as to the identity of the burglars.

Entrance was made through the skylight opening. The sash was pried up and ropes used to make the descent into the store. The thieves must have gone up the stairway in the Doerr building adjoining and thence out on the roof. A box was found up on the roof. It had been used to get the stolen plunder out of the store. One man could not have carried all that was stolen.

Three strangers were in the Doerr saloon about midnight. They were tough looking characters and these the police have under suspicion. The robbery is supposed to have occurred about one o'clock. People who live in the neighborhood heard nothing. The burglary was well planned and carefully executed.

The largest stock and colors of boys' express wagons at the lowest prices at M. D. Oberling's, 315 and 317 Chillicothe street.

FRAGMENTS.

The C. & O. pay car passed over the road yesterday.

Do you want a free trip to Washington? Watch for coupons.

The office cat of H. S. Grimes & Co., has been lost strayed, stolen. Reward for her return.

The new long distance telephone booth in the Biggs House is now in working order.

Chas. F. Turner secured 1500 bushels of Wisconsin potatoes today and they sold like hot cakes.

Floyd Munn, an air brake repairer at the N. & W. shops is suffering with a bad case of mumps.

"Bob" McCoy, machinist who went from here to Kenova has thrown up his job in disgust and is at home again.

Adam Giesler has had the Liberty incandescent gas lamp put into his shop. I. N. Phillipi did the work.

Robert Minery is quite sick at his residence on East Gallia street. He runs the big planer at the N. & W. shops.

Milton Monroe, of the East End, went to work at the N. & W. shops this morning after a months lay off on account of sickness.

Coal vases and hods, fire-sets and fancy and irons at J. O. Hibbs & Co's.

When down town buy your candies and fruits at Myres', 69 West Second street. 21-4t

HARD AT WORK

Is a Big Force of Men Clearing Up the C. P. & V. Wreck at Batavia.

The C. P. & V. wreck train is still hard at work on the wreck at Batavia. The wreck will not be cleared up, however, and the track in shape before Friday. In the meantime, the passengers are transferred at Batavia. The fireman on the ill-fated train, "Bird" Fee, was in the city last night. He is congratulating himself on his narrow escape. Had it not been that there was only a small amount of coal on the tender, he would have been crushed. He went to his home in Sardinia this morning.

Fine Christmas umbrellas, from 50 cents to $3.00, at Flora Dellert's.

Mixed nuts, 11 cents a pound, at John J. Schaefer's, 306 Chillicothe street.

Compromised and Dismissed.

Louis Jacobs, son of M. Jacobs, the junk dealer, arrested on a charge of obtaining money on false pretenses, preferred against him by a clerk at the Safford hotel, was released today. The matter was compromised, Jacobs making good all his loans.

It is not difficult to select a present for a gentleman when you have seen our line of furnishing goods. Burt, Pride & Hall.

Shoes and slippers at rock bottom prices at Lehman's.

A Delightful Dinner.

A delightful course dinner was served at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Jordan, on East Third street, yesterday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan entertaining in honor of their daughter, Miss Irene, who is just home from the Thane Miller school. A small number of friends were present.

See our nice line of toilet soaps, cheap. H. E. LANGDON & CO.

A Nice Program.

Miss Anna Evans, organist of Bigelow church, has arranged a nice program of music for the Sunday services. The soloists will be Miss Shore, of Ironton; Mrs. Phelps Leete, Miss Kate Zottman and Mr. Frank Alderson.

Combination book cases at Fuller Bros.'

PERSONAL.

C. W. Henderson, of Marietta, was at the Arlington last night.

Charley Burns went to Cincinnati this morning to spend a few days.

Mrs. Thomas Kinney, of East Second street, returned home from Cincinnati last night.

C. Mack, of Chillicothe, and E. C. Means, of Ashland, were among the arrivals at the Biggs today.

Mrs. C. H. Wells and son Floyd, of Grimes avenue, will leave tomorrow for Marietta where they will make a short visit.

Registered at the Biggs last night were F. J. Shant, of Ashland, D. G. Strickler, of Luray, Va., and Linn Bentley, of Columbus.

Mrs. Mollie Hartzman and Miss Alice Burt, of Owensboro, Ky., are visiting their parents Capt. and Mrs. Wm. Burt, of Front street.

Mr. James Hutton, of Columbus, who has been visiting the family of Mr. Chas. F. Best, also his uncle Mr. Nolder of the West Side, has gone to visit his parents at Ashland, Ky., before returning to his home.

Clay Murfin, of Ann Arbor, returned from Franklin Furnace, this morning where he has been spending a few days with his mother. He is visiting Clifford Anderson during his stay in this city.

VERY ENJOYABLE

Was the Piano Recital Given Yesterday Under the Auspicies of the Portsmouth Piano Company.

The piano recital given in Kendall's hall yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Portsmouth Piano company, was enjoyed by over one hundred of the music lovers of the city. The new pianos, just finished by the Portsmouth company, were thoroughly tested and were approved by those who were on the program. Those who participated were Miss Anna M. Evans, Mrs. Geo. O. Newman, Miss Brandei, Mrs. Frank Finney, Mrs. Geo. E. Matthews and the Portsmouth orchestra. The Piano company will present each of those who participated with a copy of A Sousa Two-Step march, composed by Miss Kate Chestnut, of Jackson, O., who is well known here. The piece was played yesterday afternoon by request by Mrs. Geo. Newman. Miss Chestnut is known here.

COMING FORWARD.

Mr. John R. Lynn Meeting With Great Success Up in Michigan.

The gas company in Detroit, in which Mr. John R. Lynn is interested, has recently purchased the Benton Harbor, Mich., gas plant for $200,000 and will operate it. The Daily Palladium, of Benton Harbor, says that John R. Lynn, the superintendent of the company, will take personal charge of the recent purchase. Mr. Lynn is spoken of as a "practical gas man who understands his business."

MARRIED LADIES

Are Trying to Solve the Intracies of the College Two-Step.

There was a gay old time at the Elk parlors last evening, a number of married ladies being there trying to solve the intracies of the college two-step. These ladies expect to attend the New Year's dance and do not wish to miss any of the pleasure going. Not knowing how to dance the two-step, they persuaded a number of their gentlemen friends to teach them. The first lesson was given at the Elk rooms last night.

The only place in the city to find fresh nuts and fruits is at Joe Sodaro's, 219 Chillicothe street. 21-3t

The N. & W. Is Passive.

The N. & W. has not taken any direct steps towards resisting the attempt of the city to fire them out of the shops here, at least the N. & W. officials here say that nothing has been done. The general solicitor for the N. & W. telegraphed here yesterday asking that the leases be investigated and that certain records at the court house be investigated. This was done by the N. & W. attorney here and the information forwarded to Philadelphia.

Pure stick candy, 8 cents a pound, at Jno. J. Schaefer's, 306 Chillicothe street.

Rev. Herron as a Composer.

Elaborate special music will be rendered at the services at All Saints Episcopal church Christmas day. The music will be repeated Sunday. Among the selections rendered will be a "Tet Deum" composed by Rev. M. Herron, rector of the church.

Kendall Shoe Co. for holiday slippers.

Meyers Waved Examination.

The case against W. D. Meyers, contractor, brought before Mayor Glidden by the plumbing inspector for maintaining a nuisance, was called for trial today. Meyers waved examination and was bound over to common pleas.

Ice-wool shawls, best in the city, at prices to suit you at Flora Dellert's.

Ernest Hotz's Funeral.

The funeral of Ernest Hotz will be held tomorrow at two o'clock from the German Evangelical church. Rev. Mallick and Rev. Tappan will officiate at the ceremonies.

Jardinier stands at Fuller Bros.'

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Christmas Presents for Everybody.

Our Store is Ablaze

With beautiful Goods suitable for Christmas Presents

8 extra Sales People.

Every Department is overflowing with the newest, richest, and most elegant things the World's Markets afford, and money never went so far in present buying.

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK.

Special Holiday Dress Goods Sale.

Novelty Dress Goods, new designs, 12½c yd.
Novelty Dress Goods, new designs, 15c yd.
Novelty Dress Goods, new designs, 18c yd.
All Wool Suitings worth 25c yd., Sale price 18c yd.
40 in. Novelty Goods, new designs, 22c yd.
44 in. Novelty Goods, new designs, 25c yd.
36 in. All Wool Novelty Dress Goods, 25c yd.
Special prices on better qualities.

Special Sale of Umbrellas.

Special selected numbers at greatly reduced prices. Make your purchase early for these goods cannot be duplicated.

Gloria Silk with Steel Rod Umbrella 90c.
Gloria Silk Umbrellas with Steel Rod at $1.00.
Gloria Silk Umbrellas with Steel Rod fancy Dresden or Sterling Silver trimmed Handles $1.25.
Fine Henrietta Silk Umbrellas with Steel Rods, fancy Horn Pearl Horn, Dresden or Sterling Silver Trimmed Handles at $1.35, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.25 and $2.50 each.

Handkerchiefs

Direct from St. Gall Switzerland. You are paying no middle man's profit. We are giving you Jobbers' prices.

Ladies' 3c hdkfs. at 1c.
Ladies' 5c hdkfs. at 3c, 2 for 5c.
Ladies' 6c hdkfs. at 4c.
Ladies' 8c hdkfs. at 5c.
Ladies' Embroidered Initial Hdkfs. 5c each.
Ladies' Lace Initial Hdkfs. 5c each.
Ladies' All Linen Hdkfs. 5c each.
Ladies' plain white, extra wide Hemstitched 5c, 6 for 25c.
Ladies' embroidered hdkfs. 6¼c each.
Ladies' embroidered hdkfs. 10c each.
Ladies' embroidered hdkfs. 12½c each.
See our line of Ladies' heavy embroidered hdkfs. at 20c.
Our line of 25c hdkfs. are the prettiest in the city. 45 different styles to select from.
Ladies' All Silk Initial Hdkfs. at 15c each.
Ladies' Jap. Silk Initial Hdkfs. at 10c each.
Ladies' Silk Hdkfs. at 10c each.
Ladies' Silk Hdkfs. at 25c each.
Men's plain white and bordered hdkfs. 3c each.
Men's plain white and bordered hdkfs. 5c each.
Men's plain white and bordered hdkfs. 8½c each.
Men's plain white and bordered hdkfs. 10c each.
Men's plain white and bordered hdkfs. 12½c each.
Men's plain white and bordered hdkfs. 15c each.
Men's All Linen wide Hem., regular 25c quality at 15c each.
Men's Jap. Silk Initial Hdkfs. extra wide Hem., would be cheap at 35c. Sale price 18c.
Men's All Silk Initial Hdkfs. at 25c each.
Men's All Silk Initial Hdkfs. at 45c each.

Great Glove Sale.

Extraordinary values.

Ladies' 2 clasp French Kid Gloves in green, brown, cardinal, tan, grey and black embroidered back, $1.00 pr
Ladies' 4 Button and 5 Hook Kid Gloves in all the new shades. Every pair warranted at $1.00 pr.

Feather Boas.

Feather Boas 25c.
Feather Boas 39c.
Feather Boas 50c.
Feather Boas 60c.
Feather Boas 75c.
Feather Boas 85c.
Feather Boas $1.00.
Feather Boas $1.10.

The grandest line of black Dress Goods. Special for our Holiday Trade.

30 in. Brocades, neat designs, 12½c yd.
30 in. Serges, neat designs, 12½c yd.
36 in. Brocades, neat designs, 18c yd.
36 in. Brocades, neat designs, 22c yd.
36 in. All Wool Serges, grand value, 25c yd.
44 in. Brocades, new patterns, 25c yd.
40. in. All Wool Serges and Henriettes worth 50c yd. Sale price, 35c yd.
40 in. Brocades, All Wool, neat patterns, 40c yd.
46 in. Serges, All Wool, 40c yd.
40 in. Brocades and Crepons, grand line to select from at 50c yd.
46 in. Lizzard Cloth, handsome patterns, all wool, 70 and 75c yd.
See our line of Silk and Wool Crepons the grandest line in the city at $1.00, $1.20, $1.25 and $1 35 yd.

Silk Mufflers

Pretty Designs, all colors at 50, 70 and 75c each.

Wool Mufflers

At 15, 25, 35 and 50c each.

New Line Shetland Shawls

Colors red, white, blue, black and pink at 25c each. Regular price 39c.

Fancy Garters.

Silk Garters at 10c pr.
Silk Garters at 25c pr.

When looking for Christmas Presents for Gentlemen see the following at Cut Prices:

Our Dollar unlaundered Shirt at 50c.
Our Dollar Custom made Shirt at 50c
Seventyfive cent colored Bosom shirt at 50c.
Fifty cent Silk Suspenders at 25c.
Our Dollar Fur Topped Lined Gloves now 50c.
Fifty cent Jersey Gloves now 25c.
Fifty cent heavy fleeced lined shirts and Drawers at 39c each.
Fifty cent Silk Scarfs at 25c.
Fifty cent Bow Ties at 25c.
Fifty cent Cuff Buttons at 25c.
Twentyfive cent Shirt Stud at 5c.
Twentyfive cent Stick Pin at 5c.

FREE With every $10 00 worth of Goods between now and January 16., we will give one Solid Gold-Set Ring worth $3 50. We do not ask you to buy $10 00 worth at one time, you are given credit for every 5c worth you purchase from us.

See our beautiful line of Children's Caps.
Lancaster Ginghams 50 Pieces to select from at 5c yard.
See our immense display of Hdkfs. All at Special prices this week.
See our line of Combination Pocket Books from 10c upwards.
See our line of Bed Spreads from 55c up.
Children's Gold Rings warranted for 5 years at 25c each
Blankets, extra large, 50c and upwards.

STEAHLY BROS.,

313 Chillicothe Street. Between Third and Fourth.

A Store of Confidence.

The people of Portsmouth have learned to trust absolutely this store, to believe its statements, to depend upon its goods, to indorse its methods, and we shall continually strive to merit this feeling of extreme trust no matter at what cost. This week's bargains are right in line with our up-to-date methods of underselling.

Men's Night Shirts.

Men's Fancy Embroidered Muslin Night Shirts, 50c.

Men's extra quality Muslin, fancy silk embroidered, or extra heavy Domet Flannel Night Shirts, 75c

Men's fancy embroidered, extra fine quality Muslin with fancy silk embroidery Night Shirts, $1.00.

Men's Suspenders.

Men's fancy embroidered Suspenders 25c

Men's plain or fancy embroidered Satine or fine all Silk Suspenders, 50c.

Men's fine Satin, plain or embroidered Suspenders, one pair in box, 75c.

Guess How Many Nails.

$200 in Gold

To be given to our customers New Year's morning. Prizes to be given to the first fifteen persons guessing the nearest to the number of nails in jar in our window. A guess with each purchase. Nails to be counted New Year's morning by prominent men. Nobody connected with our store permitted to make a guess.

Men's Neckwear.

Choice of 50 doxen Silk and Satin Tecks, Band Bows, Club Ties, new patterns, 25c.

Choice of the handsomest line of Neckwear ever shown in Tecks, Puffs and Four-in-Hands, 50c.

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs.

Men's white Silk Initial or fancy border Silk Handkerchiefs, 50c.

Mackintoshes.

Full and complete line of Men's and Boys' Mackintoshes and Box Coats.

Men's Underwear.

Elegant line of Men's Underwear from 19c to $2.50.

BEN DAVIS,

One Price Clothier and Furnisher, 127 West Second Street.

"SPOILS SYSTEM"

Is Preferred by Pension Commissioner Evans.

GETS BETTER SERVICE UNDER IT.

He Said the Country Would Have a Civil Pension List Inflicted Upon It Unless Some Reforms Were Enacted—Definite Tenure of Office of Ten Years Is Suggested by Him.

Washington, Dec. 21.—When Hon. H. Clay Evans, commissioner of pensions, appeared before the senate committee on civil service and retrenchment he was questioned at length about the civil service system and its application to the pension office force.

He expressed the opinion that the law did not accomplish the results its friends insisted that it did. The best men in his office were those who had come in under the socalled "spoils system." They did their duty and expected to hold their positions by so doing.

The pension examining boards, he said, ought not to be in the classified service, as it was desirable to secure men as members of such boards who had had wide surgical experience—army experience, if possible—and such men would not enter into competition for the places with young men just out of college.

He thought, however, that the entire system of appointing the boards was wrong, and that all of them ought to be under a uniform system of appointment.

The commissioner believed that the head of a bureau was the best qualified person to pass upon the efficiency of a clerk, and that he ought not to be hampered in removing a clerk for inefficiency.

If permitted to do so he could remove at least 100 clerks from his office without affecting the efficiency of the force. He thought it would be desirable to have a definite tenure of office, not exceeding 10 years, so that every year about 10 per cent of new blood could be infused into the force.

This would do away with the abuses resulting from some clerks remaining in office too long. The commissioner thought that some reform would have to be enacted or the country would have the infliction of a civil pension list.

He believed it was a mistake to include in the classified service the special examiners, medical boards, chiefs of divisions and all others receiving salaries exceeding $1,400.

Considered Various Bills.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The committee appointed at the house civil service conference 10 days ago to draft modifications of the civil service law met and went over the various bills pending before the house. The committee expects to have a measure framed by the time congress meets next month. Its members are opposed to the present law as including too many offices within its scope.

Bennett Is Surrendered.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The state department has been advised that the Canadian authorities have surrendered upon an extradition warrant James G. Bennett, who was arrested and held at Victoria on a charge of murderous assault upon his wife at San Francisco. Bennett made an attempt to escape from a jail warden, in the course of which the life of the warden was imperiled.

Internal Revenue Increasing.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue show that for the month of November last the receipts amounted to $13,959,296, an increase as compared with November of last years of $1,257,927. For the last five months, however, there is shown to have been a decrease of $5,912.

Indian Committee Meets.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate and house committees on Indian affairs held a joint session, considering Indian territory matters. The Curtis bill, providing for allotments, laying out of town sites, leasing of coal and other mineral, timber, farming and grazing lands, etc., was discussed section by section.

Talked About Civil Service.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Representative Brosius (Rep., Pa.), chairman of the house civil service committee, had an extended conference with the president about the operation of the civil service law. The president is being urged to except some positions that are now in the classified service.

No Appointments Will Be Made.

Washington, Dec. 21.—No appointments will be made by the president during the holiday recess of congress, except in case of emergency.

Notes.

American army and navy officers are to be employed to train the Chinese.

Secretary of War Alger has ordered 600 reindeer for the Klondike region.

The United States supreme court adjourned for a holiday recess, to convene again Jan. 3.

A dinner was given in honor of Andrew Devine, the veteran stenographer of the house of representatives, who has resigned his official position to engage in private business.

The treasury department has notified the collector of customs at Key West to keep watch on the tug Dauntless, which is suspected of having another filibustering expedition on hand.

MAY BE LYNCHED.

A Negro Forger Shoots an Officer to Avoid Arrest.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 21.—A colored boy named Decker tried to pass a forged check for $16.50 on the Farmers' bank signed by Charles Howard, trustee of White River township. While the bank officials were making inquiry he made his escape. Marshal Murphy of Patoka pursued him and the boy shot him, mortally wounding him. If Decker is caught there may be a lynching.

"A SMART FOOL."

That Is What Forger Beatty Now Calls Himself.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—T. Charles Beatty, former supreme secretary of the American Protective association and a prominent lawyer of the middle west, and Harry Howard were taken to Philadelphia to serve a term of 15 months in the eastern penitentiary for forgery. Before he left Beatty wrote in jail an account of his life, which he headed, "Life Experience of a Smart Fool."

Grain Elevators For Canals.

New York, Dec. 21.—At a largely attended meeting of state canal boat owners held in this city resolutions were passed urging the erection by the state of grain elevators at Buffalo and New York. In the words of the resolution, this action "would guard the state's essential grain traffic from the wanton attacks of the railroad grain elevator trusts located in the aforesaid ports."

Bank Burglar Injured.

New York, Dec. 21.—John (Kid) McCoy, the noted ex-bank burglar, whose record is known to the police of all countries, was struck on the head with a club and probably fatally injured by John McGinniss, proprietor of a Bowery lodging house. The men quarreled because McCoy said that the reputation of the house was not good and he would not allow his wife to work there.

Imprisonment For Life.

New York, Dec. 21.—Seaman Philip F. Carter, who, on June 30, last, killed with a bayonet his shipmate and superior officer, Thomas F. Kenny, on board the battleship Indiana, at the Brooklyn navy yard, was convicted of murder in the first degree, the jury fixing the penalty at imprisonment for life.

Swept by a Gale.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 21.—A terrible gale swept this island and did immense damage to fishing establishments and vessels at all coast settlements. Twelve schooners went ashore in Green bay and became total wrecks, and several others were badly damaged in collisions.

Bodysnatchers Indicted.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The grand jury voted to indict Professor William Smith of Kirksville, Mo., for the robbery of the Dunning morgue on Oct. 24 last. With him it was voted to hold Henry Ullrich, the watchman, and John Ludes, the teamster.

One Form of Protection.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The Ontario government introduced in the legislature a bill which will undoubtedly pass, as it embodies the policy of the Opposition, requiring all pine lumber cut on crown lands to be sawed into lumber in Canada.

Curfew Ordinance Passed.

Indianapolis, Dec. 21.—The city council, by a vote of 12 to 7, two members being absent, passed a curfew ordinance, prohibiting children under 15 from using the streets after 9 p. m. in the summer and 8 p. m. in winter.

Willing to Arbitrate.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 21.—The operatives have asked the cotton manufacturers to postpone the proposed reduction of wages until after March 1, or submit the question to the state board of arbitration.

Lopez Will Resign.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 21.—It is understood that President Pierola will promulgate the new law as to non-Catholic marriages, but Senor Alejandro Lopez de Romano, minister of the interior, will resign.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury, as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without ditsress. One-fourth the price of coffee. 15 and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.

Every Mother Wants.

Chappelear's Bronchini
The Great Cough Cure.
Bronchini Cures Croup.
Bronchini Cures Colds.
Bronchini Cures Cough.
Bronchini Cures Sore Throat.
Bronchini Cures Lung Disease.
Bronchini Stops Cough Instantly.
Bronchini Relieves Asthma Quickly.
Bronchini sold on a guarantee.
Large bottles, 50; small size, 25 cents.
Sold by Fisher & Streich.

$1.00.
Dr. E. Detchon's Diuretic

Dr. E. Detchon's Anti Diuretic may be worth to you more than $100 if you have a child who soils bedding from incontenence of water during sleep. Cures old and young alike. It arrests the trouble at once. $1. Sold by Wurster Bros., Druggist, Portsmouth, Ohio.

The Times leads 'em all.

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Cook on the Schooner Oliver Pecker Kills the Captain and Mate, Compels the Crew to Throw the Bodies Overboard, Then Sets Fire to the Vessel and Deserts It.

Norfolk, Dec. 21. — In the federal court here John Andersen, cook of the schooner Olive Pecker, was placed on trial for the murder of Mate William Wallace Saunders on the high seas last August. He is also under indictment for murdering Captain Whitman and burning the schooner. He pleaded self-defense.

Martin Barstad, a Norwegian, a member of the schooner's crew, and an eye witness to the terrible tragedy which will go down as one of the most dramatic and remarkable of modern times, testified that he was at the wheel during the whole affair.

He saw Andersen throw water on the captain's dog on Aug. 6, the day of the crime; then heard the captain curse Andersen, after which followed a noise as of some one falling. He supposed the captain had struck Andersen, who came up and asked the mate to protect him.

Shortly after this Andersen came out of the captain's cabin and called the mate down out of the rigging and shot him four times. He then summoned all hands and made them throw the body overboard. Next he made them go down into the cabin and get the body of the captain and throw that overboard.

Story Corroborated.

John Lind, a common sailor, told essentially the same story as Barstad, except that he did not see Andersen shoot the mate. Andersen came up to him and told him that he had killed the captain and that the mate had to go too.

The witness then went and called the watch, and while he was doing this he heard three or four shots on the other side of the vessel. Witness helped throw the bodies overboard, and Andersen, he said, cursed the dead body of the mate.

The captain and mate were dead when thrown overboard. Andersen fired three shots when the small boat left the burning schooner, though why he did it witness could not say.

Lind told how the crew drew lots to see who should go together, and his lot fell with that of Andersen. He said Andersen shot the dog, which came ashore in the boat, and, on the way to Belmont, sold the captain's watch.

Andrew March, another of the schooner's crew, testified that he was in his bunk at the time of the killing and heard Andersen call the mate down from aloft. He heard the conversation between Andersen and the mate and heard four shots, after which Andersen said: "Come out here, boys, and lower a boat and put me ashore. The captain and mate are dead and I am in charge of the ship."

Ten Thousand Short.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 21.—The final report of A. J. Hanway, stockholders' agent for the National Bank of North Dakota, which was headquarters for the many institutions run in this state by Banker F. Ashley Mears, which has been under consideration before Judge Amidon of the United States court, was declared by the court to show a shortage of $10,000.

Two Crooks Indicted.

North Vernon, Ind., Dec. 21.—John Morris, cashier of the Vernon bank, and Charles G. Beatty, a county commissioner, are both under arrest on indictments, the former for bribery and the latter for acceptance of a bribe, it being alleged in the indictment that Morris gave Beatty $50 to award a loan of $55,000.

Damaged by Fire.

Baltimore, Dec. 21. — The extensive establishment of Crook, Horner & Company, dealers in plumbers', machinists' and millers' supplies, was partially destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of about $150,000 to stock and building.

Gompers Sustained.

Nashville, Dec. 21. — The American Federation of Labor convention, by resolution, approved the action of President Gompers in refusing to attend the Social Democracy convention in St. Louis.

English Sovereigns Coming.

Sydney, Dec. 21. — The Oceanic Steamship company's Aladene, Captain Van Ottendorf, sailed via Auckland for San Francisco. She carries about 100,000 sovereigns (about $500,000).

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SMOOTH CROOK.

He Gives Himself Up and Says He Is Wanted For Forgery.

Cleveland, Dec. 21.—A well-dressed young man, who says he is Herman F. Schmidt, son of the superintendent of the Pennsylvania car shops at Pittsburg, gave himself up to the authorities as a fugitive from justice. He says he is wanted in Pittsburg for passing a forged check for $25 on a hotel, and another for the same sum on the London Pants company. He has been identified as the young man who was sent from Cleveland to the Ohio penitentiary for two years, in 1891, for passing a forged check for $500 upon Webb C. Ball, the jeweler, in payment for $300 worth of diamonds.

SUIT TO BE FILED.

Cleveland Car Service Association Charged With Discrimination.

Cleveland, Dec. 21.—Proceedings will soon be instituted by H. M. Strauss & Company and other produce dealers of Cleveland against the Cleveland Car Service association before the interstate commerce commission, and the charge is that the produce men and other consignees in Cleveland have been discriminated against in favor of the Standard Oil company and the Cleveland Rolling Mill company. For eight years, it is charged, small consignees have been charged $1 per day for every day or fraction thereof that cars are left standing unloaded on sidetracks, whereas the two big companies named have been allowed to use the cars for storage purposes gratis.

Stanton Monument Association.

Steubenville, O., Dec. 21.—The Stanton Monument association organized here by electing the following officers: President, Whitelaw Reid, New York; vice presidents, Daniel E. Sickles of New York, Alexander McClure of Philadelphia, William H. Reid of Chicago and H. G. Dohrman of Steubenville; secretary, J. R. Doyle; treasurer, G. A. Maxwell; trustees, Samuel McDonald of Washington, Paul E. Dana of New York, S. G. Porter of Columbus, G. W. McCook, J. H. Strainer, H. B. Grier, Charles Gallagher and D. W. Matlock of Steubenville, and John Francy of Toronto.

Pool Room Raided.

Cleveland Dec. 21.—The police made a raid on a horse-race poolroom, which the managers claim was merely a branch of the Central Telegraph company of Allegheny, Pa. They have avoided the law for a time by alleging that no bets were made in Cleveland, but were telegraphed to Allegheny. A police detective discovered that the wires supposed to connect with Allegheny went only as far as the second story of the building, and the raid followed. The managers say there are branches of the same concern in several large cities.

Damages Awarded.

Zanesville, O., Dec. 21.—The executor of the estate of Frank N. Dickinson, who was killed by his traction engine falling through a bridge, has been awarded $3,000 damages against the county.

Languishes In Jail.

Wilmington, O., Dec. 21.—John Butterfield is in jail in default of $5,000 for attempting to shoot Elias A. Lewis, president of the Sabina bank.

Accidentally Shot.

Tapioca, O., Dec. 21. — While Abe Smith was dressing himself his revolver was accidentally discharged and he was fatally shot.

Legs Torn Off.

Dayton, O., Dec. 21.—At the Barney & Smith car works John Sweeney, 23, was caught on a revolving shaft and his legs torn off.

They Were Married.

Akron, O., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Mary Cory of New York, 22, with a baby in her arms, came here and was married to J. Edward Wirt.

No Inaugural Ball.

Columbus, O., Dec. 21.—It has been decided to have no ball upon the second induction of Governor Bushnell into office.

Fell From a Straw Rack.

Westboro, O., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Jason G. Moon fell from a straw rack, breaking her neck. Death was instantaneous.

Gutted by Fire.

Circleville, O., Dec. 21.—The Pickaway County Children's home was completely gutted by fire. No one was injured.

ESSENCE OF NEWS.

Items of Interest Prepared Especially For Busy Readers.

Cotton at less than 5 cents means 10 cents a day for labor.

John Hogan suicided in the insane asylum at Dunning, Ills.

The Travelers' Insurance company has withdrawn from Kansas.

Silver leaders will protest against the retirement of the greenbacks.

The British eastern squadron will winter with Japan in Wei-Hai-Wei.

Edward F. Moon suicided in Warsaw, Ind., by drinking carbolic acid.

Nearly all the alleged prizefighters in the country have gathered in Chicago.

The American Federation of Labor convention indorsed the postal savings bank system.

Jack McCune, gambler, who murdered William A. Albin on Aug. 6, suicided in St. Joseph (Mo.) jail.

Isom Lawson of Barbourville, Ky., was sentenced to the penitentiary for life for murdereing his father.

At Greenfield, Mass., the body of Park Maxwell has been resting in a casket in his father's wagon shed for 20 years.

SUIT TO RECOVER.

Nebraska Wants Money That Was Embezzled by Bartley.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 21.—The state of Nebraska, by the attorney general, filed civil suit against ex-Treasurer Bartley and his bondsmen for $335,000. This is the amount which Bartley is charged with embezzling from the public school fund during his first two years in office, and is only one of a number of similar suits.

Murderous Strikers.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Since the strike began several weeks ago in the West Side foundry in the town of Colonie, a suburb of Watervleit, collisions between the strikers and the men who took their places have been frequent. Three strikers went to the house of Joseph Rohler, one of the West Side's present force, and fired several shots at him. One bullet struck Mrs. Rohler in the neck. Her recovery is doubtful.

Charged With Abduction.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Nicholas F. Snyder, president of the Snyder Oil company, a millionaire, was arrested on a warrant issued by his son, W. M. Snyder, charged with abduction. W. M. Snyder charges that his infant son, Ward Snyder, Jr., aged 10 months, was abducted by his grandfather and now kept in hiding.

Admits the Forgery.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Arnold C. Luetgert admits that he forged a name to notes amounting to $4,750, turned them over to Attorney William A. Vincent and victimized others to the extent of over $1,000. Arnold Luetgert is the son of Adolph L. Luetgert, now on trial, charged with murdering his wife.

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2 lb. new Mixed Nuts	25 c
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1 can good Corn or Peas	5 c
1 can Apricots or Pears	10 c
1 3lb. can Apple Butter	10 c
3 lb. best Starch	10 c
2 boxes best Bag Blue	5 c
2 bars Sun Shine Soap	5 c
1 box Butter Milk Soap	5 c
1 lb. Country Lard	6 c
1 lb Bacon	6 c
1 sack good Flour	45c 50c 60c and 65 c
1 lb. good Coffee	9c 10c 11c and 12½c
1 lb. 40c Tea	20 c
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Cocoanut Bon Bons, per lb	12½c
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Fancy Selected Mixed Best in Portsmouth	18 c

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Filberts X X X	10 c
Cream Nuts Fancy Large	10 c
Pecans X X X	10 c
Almonds Tenagarias	15 c
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GOOD NEWS

Received by Mrs. Nancy Questel About An Eastern Estate

In Which She Is Interested—Decision Given in Philadelphia Saturday Recognizing the Validity of a Claim of Her Family to Some Valuable Real Estate in That City.

Mrs. Nancy Questel, of 21 East Fourth street, and her sister, Mrs. Sam Ware, have received word that they will shortly come into possession of considerable property through a favorable decision of a Philadelphia court. To a Times reporter, who called concerning the matter, Mrs. Questel talked freely. She said that her family for thirty years had been seeking to establish their claim to some valuable land in the heart of Philadelphia. This land was purchased from Wm. Penn by her ancestors and leased to the corporation for ninety-nine years, with privilege of renewal. Mrs. Questel's father, Judge Wilson, a former mayor of Portsmouth, became convinced that his family was the rightful owner of the lease and spent a small fortune in trying to establish his claim. The matter was taken up by his children, who employed Judge Nathan B. Swift, of Cincinnati. The latter has been working away at the case, and last week secured a judgment in a Philadelphia court, recognizing the validity of the claim and the fact that the Wilsons were the rightful heirs. This is considered a great victory and steps will now be taken to recover the land, which is valued away up in the millions. There are eight of the Wilson children living. They are Mrs. Questel, Mrs. Sam Ware, Mrs. J. C. Crouch, of Allegheny City, Pa.; Mrs. Josie Thorn, of California, Ky.; Mrs. E. A. Gear, of St. Louis, Mo; George Wilson, a journalist employed on the Atlantia Constitution; James Wilson, of Gallia county, and Capt. Alex. Wilson, of Ashland, Ky.

Mrs. Questel was greatly overjoyed over the news she received from her lawyer last Saturday and told a Times reporter there was no doubt the family would soon get the money. She is the mother of John and William Questel.

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A QUEER FIND.

W. R. Beatty Finds An Old Letter in the Heart of an Old Tree on His Farm Near Sciotoville.

Mr. W. R. Beatty, father of Attorney T. C. Beatty, of this city, made a remarkable discovery while chopping down a tree on his farm, about two miles back of Sciotoville, Saturday. The tree was apparently sound, but when chopped down proved to be hollow. Mr. Beatty split the tree open expecting to make firewood out of it, when his attention was called to a piece of buckskin in the heart of the tree. Upon examination it was found that a letter, old and discolored by age, was wrapped up in the heart of the tree. The letter was in such a shape that only here and there a sentence could be made out. The tree was about 150 years old and the letter evidently had been in the tree a century at least. Mr. Beatty is carefully preserving the fragments of the letter. The hole through which the package had been thrust into the tree had grown over years ago.

O. P. Stamm has opened up a plumbing, steam and gas-fitting establishment at 213 Market street. See him when you need work in his line. Telephone 283.

COURT HOUSE.

A. A. Branch brings suit in replevin against Constable Wm. Wolf, of Clay township. Several days ago suit was brought in 'Squire Cole's court against A. Branch and J. L. Stevens. Judgment was found against Stevens for $60. Constable Wolf levied upon some brick belonging to Branch to satisfy the judgment obtained against Stevens. Holcomb & Finney, attorneys for plaintiff.

Alice Branham vs. John and James Morgan is a case which comes up on appeal from 'Squire Jones' court. It is a suit for money, the amount claimed by plaintiff being $49.50 due on a promissory note. Judgment for $29.50 was returned by a jury before 'Squire Jones. Plaintiff appeals the case. Theo. K. Funk, attorney.

H. D. Oberling, 315 and 317 Chillicothe street, has the best assortment of pen knives to be found in the city at 25 cents. Examine them. They are extra fine.

C. & O. Pay Car.

The pay car of the C. & O. railway passed over the line this morning being attacheh to the accommadation due here at 7:10

O. H. Harris has the leading business on fine gold rings. His prices are no doubt popular and correspond with the "hard times."

Toys, popoorn, all kinds of oranges and fruits at Joe Sodaro's, 219 Chillicothe street.

Latest colors and shapes in hats at JONES, the hatter, 104 West Second street. 21-4t

For a useful Christmas gift, examine the line of Enterprise meat cutters and jelly presses, at J. C. Hibbs & Co.'s.

Shelled Peanuts for Salting at Corson's. 21-3t.

See Fuller Bros.' chairs.

"I prefer Cleveland's baking powder," writes Miss Bedford, the well-known lecturer on cookery, "because it is pure and wholesome, it takes less for the same baking, it never fails, and bread and cake keep their freshness and flavor."

Guarantee.

Grocers are authorized to give back your money if you do not find Cleveland's the best baking powder you have ever used.

Cleveland Baking Powder Co., N.Y.

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THE WEATHER PROPHET.

Ohio.—Fair tonight and Wednesday, preceded by light snows on the lake; colder.

Look Here!

When you eat, can you afford to eat anything but the very best? Buy Knittel's candies, then you have it. We now have our complete stock on display and ready too give our best attentions. Everything in our line is of the best, and prices to suit quality. As a specialty this week, we sell a number of our 30 cent candies at 20 cents per pound. This price holds good until Christmas only. Will make Boston chips all day Friday. Come and patronize your old and reliable confectioners, 21-3t KNITTEL'S.

OVER IN KENTUGKY

Hunters Have Until the First of January to Kill All Kinds of Game.

Now that the hunting season in Ohio is closed the sports are flocking to Kentucky to clean out the birds and rabbits. The hunting season does not close on the other side of the river until the first of January. Howard Harsha, Wells Hutchins, Anthony Thompson and Wm. Bagley left today for Carter. They will be gone a week or so. Next week Dolph Glockner and Terry Davenport will good up about Grayson and hunt as long as they are permitted to do so by the natives.

Ladies' fine calf foxed polish—the best street shoe on the market today. You will have occasion to wade through slush and snow more than once before this winter is over. Try them. KENDALL SHOE CO.

The New Restaurant.

The Kendall block bakery and restaurant will open Thursday at 612 Chillicothe street. Call on them for fine candies, cake, bread and pies. Serving banquets a specialty. Fine lunches. Everything new and first-class. Oysters, dozen fried or stewed 25 cents; regular meals 15 cents. See our prize clock and doll given away New Years.

See the line of Roger Bros.' silverware and get prices.
21 4t J. C. HIBBS & Co.

Attractive Bills.

The C. & O. has issued attractive bills advertising holiday excursions. From December 24th to 31st, inclusive, tickets will be sold to all points east and west at the rate of 1⅓ fares for the round trip.

With every purchase of candy or fruit chance will be given on two fine dolls. MYRES', 69 West Second St.

A Juicy Steak

Is a good thing to take, and depends on three things, First, the kind of cattle that are killed, Second, how it is cut and last but not least, how it is cooked. Let

Miles, the Butcher,

Attend to the first and second, and if you do your part as well as he does his, you will laugh and grow fat. He has two meat markets, one at

623 Robinson Avenue

And one in

Odd Fellows' Building, Court St.

Sterling Silver Novelties

I have a fine line of Sterling Silver Novelties that make handsome

Christmas Presents.

I will

Save You 40 per cent.

On these goods for a few days only.

C. H. HARRIS,

412 Chillicothe St.

Bargains in

DOLLS

A LARGE STOCK TO SELECT FROM AND LOW PRICES

Large Dolls, at 15c, 25c and 50c.

Kid Body Dolls, 11 inches long, 15c.

Kid Body Dolls, 16 inches long 25c.

Kid Body Dolls, 17 inches long sleeping eyes 50c.

Kid Body Dolls, 19 inches long sleeping eyes 75c.

Jointed Dolls, 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and up.

Dressed Dolls, 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25.

Brownie, Esquimau, Boy Dolls, Rag Dolls, etc.

Extra Fine Dolls, at $1.00, $2.00, $3.00 and $4.00.

Kid Gloves.

Of reliable make and fit in every popular shade and fastening, prices $1.00, $1.25, and $1.50.

Gents' Kid Gloves, in Lined or Unlined at $1.00 and $1.50.

Men's Heavy Gloves, at 50c, 75c, $1.00.

Kid Mittens, for Ladies and Children.

Umbrellas

Gents' Sterling Silver Trimmed Umbrellas, at $4.00, $5.00 and $6.00.

Ladies' Umbrellas, choice new handles at $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00.

Dress Patterns

Nothing more acceptable and useful as a gift to a lady than a nice Dress Pattern. Our fine imported Dress Patterns at reduced prices.

$9.98 for Dress Patterns, worth $12.50.

$7.98 for Dress Patterns, worth $10.00.

$5.98 for Dress Patterns, worth $8.00.

$4.89 for Dress Patterns, worth $7.00.

Large variety Dress Patterns, at 98c, $1.20, $1.98, $2.73 and $3.50.

Silks

For Waists and Dresses, specially good styles and value at 59c, 69c, $1.00, $1.25.

Sterling Silver Novelties.

At 25c, 35c, 39c, 50c, 75c, $1.00.

Feather Boas, at 25c, 75c, $1.00, $1.50.

Ostrich Boas, at $3.00, $5.00, $8.50.

Fur Scarfs, $2.00, $3.00, $4.00.

Fur Collarettes, $3.00, $5.00, $7.00.

Empire Fans.

New styles at 39c, 50c, 75c, 85c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50.

G. W. Anderson & Sons.

Corner Second and Court Streets.

Your mother,
Your wife,
Your sister,
Your daughter,
Your niece,
Your aunt,
Your sweetheart,
Your friend,
All can be made happy if you'll glance over the few out of the thousands of useful articles that we have in the store mentioned on opposite list, and spend your money judiciously for Useful Presents. Prices are Right, Styles correct, and you can't make mistake.

Capes,
Jackets,
Silk Dress Skirts,
Wool Dress Skirts,
Silk Waists,
Wool Waists,
Tailor made Suits,
Muffs,
Boas,
Wool Wrappers,
Flannellette Wrappers,
Kid Gloves,
Handkerchiefs,
Collarettes,
Umbrellas,
Petticoats,
Purses,
Muslin Underwear,
and thousands of other useful Presents that Ladies appreciate.

PARISIAN

Cloak and Novelty Co.,

75 West Second Street.

Christmas Slippers

There is nothing nicer for a Christmas present than a pair of comfortable house slippers. We have a large line to show you including all the different shapes. Below we quote prices on a few styles.

Men's brown Kid Nullifiers (with Goring in sides) very handsome at.....$2.00.

Men's black and Tan Kid Nullifiers [with Goring in sides] at .....$1.50.

Men's Ox Blood Opera white Kid lined at ....$2 00.

Men's brown Opera white Kid lined at.....$1.50.

Men's black Kid in Opera, Everett and Hamlet shapes at $1.50.

Men's Patent Leather and Kid Oxford at .....$1.50.

Men's Tan Goat Opera at.....$1.00.

Men's brown Imitation Alligator at.....50c.

Men's Velvet Harvard at.....50c

Men's Grain Slippers at .....50 and 75c.

Men's Carpet Slippers at ..... 35c.

Ladies' Felt Romeo Furtops, Leather Soles, very comfortable house shoe at ..... $1.50.

Anderson Bros.,

Home Factory Shoe Stores,

109 West Second Street. 603 Chillicothe Street.

Sensible Thoughts For Christmas.

Large line of Lancaster Apron Ginghams, best in the land, 5c a yard.

Nice line of Flannel Skirts, all wool, best in the city, 50c apiece.

Nice line of pretty Dress Plaids, 5c, 12½c and 15c a yard.

Nice line of Pocket Books in Green, Red and Black, 25c apiece.

Table Linens in Red, unbleached and bleached, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c a yd.

Napkins at 75c, 85c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $1.75 a dozen.

Fancy Towels at 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c and 85c apiece.

Umbrellas, all prices, up as high as $2.00 apiece.

Handsome Novelty and stylish Dress Goods in Green and Black, Red and Black, Brown and Black and all Black, 50c a yard.

50 dozen Ladies' and Children's Handkerchiefs 1 cent apiece.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs at 5c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c and 50c.

Gents' Handkerchiefs at 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c apiece.

Handsome new line of Calicoes just received in Blues, Greys, Red and Black and White.

Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, all initials, 2 for 25c.

Silk and Silk Initials at 25c and 50c apiece.

Just a few more days and the beans will be counted. As often as you come in and buy something you get a guess. The prizes are all handsome and cannot help but be appreciated.

John F. Steahly,

Opera House Block.

Fourth and Chillicothe.

Useful Christmas Gifts for Men.

NECKWEAR, HANDKERCHIEFS, GLOVES, MUFFLERS, SUSPENDERS, HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR, SHIRTS, COLLARS, CUFFS, DRESS SHIELDS, HATS, UMBRELLAS, CANES, FUR GLOVES.

A Gorgeous Display of Neckwear at 25c and 50c.

Guyer Hats. Harrington Hats.

Frank Legler,

Hatter and Outfitter for Men, Opposite Postoffice.